

**LETTER**

**FROM**

**THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,**

**TRANSMITTING**

***TWO STATEMENTS***

**FROM**

**THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE,**

**SHOWING**

The quantity of land in each district in which the public lands have been exposed to sale, the quantity which has been sold, and the quantity which remains for sale; and the emoluments of the receivers and registers of the land offices for four years preceding the 1st day of October, 1817.

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**FEBRUARY 2, 1818.**

**Read, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.**

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*Treasury Department, January 29, 1813.*

SIR,

In obedience to a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 23d instant, I have the honor to submit two statements from the General Land Office; the first showing the quantity of land in each land district, in which the public lands have been exposed to sale; the quantity which has been sold, and the quantity remaining for sale; the second showing the emoluments of the receivers and registers of the land officers for four years preceding the first day of October, 1817, and the salaries of all the officers in the surveying and selling of the public lands.

From the first statement, it appears that the land districts of Marietta, Zanesville, and Steubenville have no considerable quantity of land remaining unsold, and that from their local situation, no addition can be made to them. The emoluments of the receivers and registers in those districts may therefore be considered as having arrived at their maximum. The other districts northwest of the Ohio, have large quantities of lands remaining unsold, or are so situated as to render it probable that other public lands will be added to them. The district of Madison county is estimated only according to the surveys which have been made. The district of Alabama, the office of which has been temporarily established at Milledgeville, is very extensive, containing many millions of acres, of which only 691,200 acres have been surveyed. Should these two districts remain with their present extent, the emoluments of the receivers, registers will be very great. Under all the circumstances it appears to be proper to annex three or more ranges on the east of the Tombigby river, to the district east of Pearl river, the land offices of which are kept at St. Stevens.

From statement No. 2. it appears that the receivers at Cincinnati and at Vincennes, have received more than five thousand dollars a year in emoluments and salaries. It is probable that the receipts of those officers will be greater for a number of successive years than they have been during the period embraced by the statement. The propriety of a general provision, limiting their emoluments to a sum, which, considering the duties they have to perform, and the circumstances under which they are performed, compared with those received by other officers, shall be deemed reasonable and just.

The establishment of banks in every part of the country in which the money may be deposited as soon as received, has greatly diminished the risk of the receivers, upon which the discrimination between their emoluments and those of the register's was made. Judging from experience, the receivers do not seem to regard the

risk of holding public money, as several of them have been in the habit of retaining it, against the repeated and positive injunctions of this department. As the risk of the receiver is inconsiderable, and as the labor of the register is believed to be greater than that of the receiver, the propriety of giving them the same salary and emoluments, is respectfully suggested.

I have the honor to be,

Your most obedient and very humble servant,

**WM. H. CRAWFORD,**

*The Honorable Henry Clay,*

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*



# No 1.

Estimate of the quantity of Land in each Land District, of the quantity sold, and the quantity remaining unsold, on the 1st October, 1817.

	Marietta.	Zanesville.	Steubenville.	Canton.	Chillicothe.	Cincinnati.	Jeffersonville.	Vincennes.	Kaskaskia.	Shawneetown.	Edwardsville.	Madison County.	East of Pearl River.	West of Pearl River.	Milledgeville.
Total acres	576,000	1,504,880	1,935,360	1,244,160	2,128,480	3,709,440	2,416,200	5,532,500	2,188,800	3,018,240	1,059,840	345,600	4,769,280	3,787,840	691,200
Sold -	131,871	751,852	1,396,432	858,577	935,067	2,398,015	863,457	779,414	122,336	161,628	104,073	242,956	523,472	750,492	174,009
Remains unsold	444,129	753,028	538,928	385,583	1,193,413	1,321,425	1,552,743	4,753,086	2,066,464	2,857,612	955,767	102,644	4,245,808	3,037,348	517,191
												2,327,040	in new survey.		
												2,429,684			

General Land Office, 28th January, 1818.

JOSIAH MEIGS,  
Commissioner.



# CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES—Continued.

Collectors.	Districts.	Contractor, or from whom purchased or hired.	Vessels in Revenue service including Cutters.					Weights, scales, gauging, instruments, &c.	Total.
			Payments for vessels purchased.	Vessels hired.			Supplies, including rations.		
				Rate per month.	Time.	Payments.			
					Months. Days.				
Allen M'Lane, . . .	Delaware . . .	Amount brought forward,	13,973 88	..	..	480 00	9,466 42	1,641 38	25,561 68
		Eyer & Landell . . .	161 75						
		Chandler Price . . .	..	200 00	1 00	200 00			
		J. K. Graham . . .	..	..	..	..	138 50		
James H. M'Culloch . . .	Baltimore . . .	Sundries . . .	..	..	..	..		29 50	529 75
		Joseph White . . .	364 68						
		Wm. H. Hanson . . .	..	..	3	49 46			
		Z. & D. Evans . . .	1,300 00						
		Parsons & Taylor & others	15,496 51						
John Barnes . . .	Georgetown . . .	Sundries . . .	..	..	..	..	628 48	89 73	17,928 86
		E. Lanham . . .	..	..	..	..	..	7 00	7 00
Charles K. Mallory . . .	Norfolk . . .	William Ham . . .	..	..	..	..	1,453 00		
		Thomas Blow . . .	..	..	..	..	..	13 75	1,466 75
Robert Cochran . . .	Wilmington, N. C. . .	Joseph Burch . . .	..	..	..	..	1,314 50	..	1,314 50
Francis Hawks . . .	Newbern . . .	John Franklin . . .	..	..	..	..	..	6 12	
		David Wallace . . .	..	..	..	..	1,555 50	..	1,561 62
Thomas H. Blount . . .	Washington . . .	Davenport, Hoys, & Co. . .	..	..	..	..	..	111 7	111 7
		Simeon Theus . . .	Charleston . . .	Thomas E. Ross . . .	..	..	..	..	1,568 80
Archibald S. Bulloch . . .	Savannah . . .	Sundries . . .	..	..	..	..	..	171 50	1,740 30
		James Smith . . .	..	..	..	..	2,769 00		
		Robert Campbell . . .	..	..	..	..	..	34 00	2,803 00
William J. M'Intosh . . .	Brunswick, Geo. . .	James Watson . . .	..	..	..	..	823 46	..	823 46
Archibald Clark . . .	St. Marys, Geo. . .	George M. Blount . . .	..	45 00	12 6	549 00			
		do. . .	..	..	..	..	722 25	..	1,271 25
Peter L. B. Duplessis . . .	New Orleans . . .	Talcott & Bowers . . .	150 00						
		J. Omedez . . .	20 50						
		J. Chambers . . .	337 66						
		Amory Callender . . .	..	..	..	..	..	125 00	
		F. J. Skinner . . .	..	7 50	4 00	30 00			
		Alexander Harang . . .	..	45 00	12	18 00	..	..	681 16
		Dollars. Total,	31,804 98	..	..	1,326 46	20,439 91	2,229 5	55,800 40

Revenue Cutters—Portsmouth—Officers retained rations, at 25 cents. Those actually furnished at 25 cents.						Revenue Cutters.—Norfolk. Officers retained rations at 25 cents. Those actually furnished at 25 cents.					
Portland	do.	do.	20	do.	do.	25	Wilmington, N. C.	do.	do.	20	do.
Boston	do.	do.	20	do.	do.	25	Newbern	do.	do.	25	do.
Newport	do.	do.	20	do.	do.	25	Savannah	do.	do.	30	do.
New Haven	do.	do.	20	do.	do.	30	Charleston	do.	do.	25	do.
New York	do.	do.	20	do.	do.	30 & 25	Brunswick	do.	do.	37 1/2	do.
Delaware	do.	do.	25	do.	do.	25	St. Marys	do.	do.	37 1/2	do.
Baltimore	do.	do.	20	do.	do.	25					

Treasury Department, Register's Office, February 3, 1818.

JOSEPH NOURSE, Register.